

OF THE

# SENATE OF TEXAS

BEING THE

### First Called Session

OF THE

## Fortieth Legislature

BEGUN AND HELD AT

The City of Austin, May 9, 1927



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#### FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Monday, May 9, 1927.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock noon pursuant to the call of the Governor.

### Temporary Officers.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following temporary officers: Secretary, W. V. Howerton; Journal Clerk, John D. Cofer; Sergeant-at-arms, A. W. Holt: Doorkeeper, Ned Marshall.

### Roll Call.

The Secretary called the roll, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Berkeley. Price. Bledsoe. Real. Bowers. Reid. Floyd. Russek. Greer. Smith. Hall. Stuart. Hardin. Triplett. Lewis. Ward. Love. Westbrook. McFarlane. Wirtz. Miller. Witt. Moore. Wood. Neal. Woodward. Pollard

Absent.

Fairchild.

Parr.

Absent-Excused.

Bailey.

Holbrook.

Prayer by Reverend Doss.

Proclamation of the Governor.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRES-ENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a general appropriation bill be passed for the ensuing biennium in order that the departments and institu- By the Governor: tions of the State may be properly financed; and,

WHEREAS, occasion exists for the passage of a civil service act affecting the selection of subordinate employees of the State government to the end that better efficiency may be secured in the administration of governmental affairs; and,

WHEREAS, need exists for improvement of our laws relating to highways and the administration of highway affairs in this State to guarantee a more efficient and economical development of a system of correlated highways.

For these, and other good and sufficient reasons hereinafter named, an extraordinary occasion has arisen requiring the Legislature to be convened:

NOW, THEREFORE, MOODY, Governor of the State of Texas, do, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of this State, hereby call a Special Session of the Fortieth Legislature to be. convened in the City of Austin, commencing at twelve o'clock, noon, on Monday, the ninth day of May, A. D.

- 1927, for the following purposes:
  1. To pass a general appropriation bill for the ensuing biennium.
- 2. To pass a selective civil service law providing for the selection of subordinate employees of the State government under the classified civil service system.
- 3. To adopt such laws as may be necessary to establish a more efficient and economical development of a system of correlated State highways.
- 4. To consider and act on such other subjects of public importance as the Executive may, from time to time during the session, submit by message or otherwise.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause to be impressed hereon the Seal of the State of Texas at Austin, this the 18th day of April, A. D. 1927.

SEAL

DAN MOODY, Governor of Texas.

JANE Y. McCALLUM, Secretary of State.

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